

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Hotel Alcohol Awareness Project**

It is that time of year for high school proms, graduations and graduation parties. For more than 14 years, in an effort to promote a safe and enjoyable graduation season, a police officer of the Troy Police Department, assigned to the Community Services Section has personally called on each hotel and motel in the city to distribute "Alcohol Awareness" packets to employees of these establishments. The Police Department is committed to education as a method to prevent the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors and the strict enforcement of all violations of applicable laws and ordinances.

It is the Police Department's intent to inform hotel and motel management and employees about the potential consequences of renting rooms to minors intending to possess and consume alcoholic beverages on their premises. The informational packets include City of Troy Ordinances and Michigan State Laws related to the possession and consumption of alcohol by minors. In addition, they include a list of prom and graduation dates and event locations for area high schools. The Troy Police Department is confident that with this information, hotel and motel employees will be better prepared to assist in the effort to prevent alcohol abuse by minors during the graduation season and throughout the year.

The management teams of the City's hotels and motels have established themselves as outstanding partners in the community's efforts to make this annual project a success.